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BUSY SCENES AT THE PARK

Work will be Completed by May 1.

PROGRESS WAS SLOW

Because of Rain Storms During Past Week.

When Completed Webb Park Will Compare Favorable with Other Parks of the O.P. League.

Working during rain and shine the contractors in charge of the new ball park are rapidly bringing it to completion and before the opening day everything will be in hanging shape. The directors of the local team have decided to call the new grounds Webb park and it will be christened on May 1. The president of the C. D. and M. will probably be present at the opening game.

Engineer James Williams, of the C. D. and M. is in charge of the work of getting the grounds in shape for playing ball. He has accomplished his task in spite of rain and snow and within another day or two the work will be completed. The fence was commenced Thursday and but little remains to finish that portion of the job.

Under contractor John Baldauf the grand stands and bleachers to seat over three thousand persons, have gone up like magic. The stands are roomy, with comfortable seats and are built very substantially. In one section of the grand stand there will be a number of reserved seats for big days at the park, the seats to be sold both at the grounds and at some place down town yet to be selected. A small extra charge will be made for reserved seats. The remainder of the seats in the grand stand will be at the disposition of those first arriving.

The fences will be covered with signs of various descriptions which will improve rather than detract from the appearance of the park. During the summer months the park will be under the direction of a manager and one or two assistants who will devote their time exclusively to keeping the playing field in condition and keeping the stands free from dirt.

The newspaper men will have a box built especially for them under the middle section of the grand stand and immediately back of the plate, and will make it possible for the to witness the game from a favorable standpoint and will not

make it necessary for them to answer the multitude of questions that they have been called upon to do in the past.

A telephone will be installed and a bulletin in the window at the Mirror office will inform the fans who are



JUDGE B. G. YOUNG,
Who Will Make the Principal Address at the Park.

not at the game its outcome by innuendoes and other interesting information. Don't forget to read the special bulletins of the Mirror. The players will dress in a place especially arranged for them under the grand stand. In right field a large score board will be placed. Score cards free



MAYOR SCHERFF,
Who Will Pitch the First Ball on May 1.

of charge will be furnished every visitor. The total expenditure represented by the ball park completed will be about \$3000 and the park will be the finest ever completed in this city. It will compare very favorably with others in the league.

MARION TEAM LOOKS GOOD

Players in Fair Condition for Opening.

DRUMM MUCH PLEASED

With the Showing Made by Men in Practice.

Team is a Well Balanced Aggregation and will Jump Into the Race with Much Vim.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions the regulars of the local team are getting into fair condition and by the time for the opening game will be in shape to start the season with a rush.

Over in Youngstown they are going along pretty smooth and getting plenty of practice. At New Castle there is plenty of enthusiasm and the team that will be sent against Marion on the opening day will be a hard one to beat. At Akron they are spending a heap of money in building up a great team and the fans cannot see how the team can lose the pennant. The other fellows are all busy and ready for the fray.

Taking a glance over the dope it looks like a grand old race in the O. P. this year with the honors falling to the deserving team. It will probably be a battle of extermination the survival of the fittest. All of the teams have been strengthened and because one team must occupy last place it will not mean it is a terribly weak organization. The managers expect to see a race where the winning or losing of a game will mean a shake-up of half of the team in the race.

The local management is very well pleased with the aggregation selected by Manager Drumm and the team will be fighting for the top position all of the time. The pitching staff with Wilhelm, Wilmut, Lewis, Lucas and either Burke or Pickett is a great one. All of the twirlers are in shape and should do some tall flogging from the sound of the gong.

Behind the bat Lusk will do the majority of the work while Schaffer will be kept ready for emergencies. Lusk is a heady player who has a reputation for helping the box artist to get the best results of his efforts. At the first corner Lindman will be stationed and it will not matter if they throw 'em all bad he will handle them somehow.

At second none of the present candidates are entirely satisfactory and a new man will be here by the time of the opening. Mylett will be at short and Flood, the captain, at third. This infield is as fast as could be desired and should play good inside ball.

In the outer gardens there are three star performers. Quinn, of last year's team for center field, Tate and Farrell for left and right respectively. All of the men are great ground coverers and deliver the goods with the stick. It is possible that a reserve outfielder will be secured.

At least two practice games will be indulged in before the opening of the season and everyone should go out to the grounds and get a line on the players.

BRIEF HISTORY

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try-outs of the Lima Burners. He gets over the ground in good shape and bats well. He started baseball with the Nelsonville team and afterward played with a number of professional teams in Columbus, where he resides. He is 22 years of age.

AL WILMOT.
At J. Wilmut, the premier pitcher of the Lima Burners, commenced his baseball career on a Mt. Vernon independent team. He was signed by Columbus in 1902, and after being held a few weeks was sent to the Dayton Central league team, where he made good. He later played at Canton and then at Zanesville under Fred Drumm. This year Wilmut celebrated his twenty-third birthday. He weighs 185 pounds and is confident that he will have a great season. Al has plenty of speed, good curves, and will have something on most of the O.P. batters this year.

"CHUCK" PICKETT
Charles Pickett is a Columbus player who is with the Lima Burners. "Chuck" is 23 years old and has pitched for a number of semi-professional teams in this section of the state.

Pickett secured his first knowledge of baseball with the Delaware high school team. He later went to Columbus and played with the Putnam and other teams. Last year he was with the Marion Interstate team. He is showing up well with Manager Drumm's aggregation.

PROSPECTS

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league proposes that a series be played between the winners of the O. and P. league championships and the team that cops off the hunting in the P. O. M. league. Guy sprang the idea to Walter

East Akron's manager, and he promises to take it up with President Morton. Such a series would be a big winner, Guy believes.

The winning team of the P. O. M. league might just as well begin to arrange matters with Manager Fred Drumm of the local team for just as sure as sure as can be the 1907 pennant will next season be floating to the breezes from the new flagpole on the Marion grand stand.

IS STILL SORE.
The management of the Newark base ball team is unable to arrange in exhibition game with the Zanesville P. O. M. league bunch because a year ago Newark voted to allow Drumm and Anderson to take the team from Zanesville to Marion.

Mr. Hayes of the Newark club traveled down to Zanesville the other day for the purpose of attempting to fix up a game. There he met Mr. Regge, who is the main gash in Zanesville base ball, and Regge politely informed him that it would be impossible for such a game to be arranged. "Why?" asked Hayes. "You voted to let Drumm take his O. & P. franchise to Marion, didn't you?" came back Regge's question. "I certainly did."

"Well, that's the reason."

THEY NEVER SAW A BASE BALL GAME

Diogenes once rolled his tub around in every kind of weather, and had no wants beyond the grub that held his frame and soul together.

He did not fear to make a jest concerning Haughty Alexander, He kept care banished from his breast and laughed at blame and smiled at slander. But think how much more fun he might have had if he had lived to see a member of the home team snare the sphere so hard that ere its flight had ended, splendid victory belonged to them who brought renown and pride and pennants to his town.

Great Caesar triumphed over Gaul and won some glory in the forum, And many slaves obeyed his call and thought him a high cock-alorum; They offered him a kingly crown; he gave obedience to no man And till the hour they struck him down he was a proud and tickled Roman. But haughty Caesar ne'er was thrilled

By witnessing Lafoie prepare To bat with all the bases filled. When they who watched were awed and stilled, And never did he rend the air With whoops of joy or dance about Because the enemy struck out.

Brave Washington had triumphs, too, and doubtless he had many a chuckle; That coast have haunted him a few the day he made Cornwallis knuckle;

And we can well imagine how he laughed at English George's cussing, And kissed the ears from Martha's brow when she indulged in life's fussing, But when his breast was filled with doubt

And when with woes he was beset He could not blithely journey out To mingle with the mob and shout And throw his cushions and forget; He never heard with ecstasy Or bitter grief the words "Strike three!"

Oh, barren past! Oh, mirkless days devoid of aught approaching glory! Oh, lackless bards who fashioned lays when life was but a plaintive story! How futile was the knighthood that in armor was content to swagger

And had no chance to swing the bat and never landed a three bagger! Who thinks of poor old Launcelot

Or Lion-hearted Richard now? Hans Wagner gives the ball a swat, By agile Evers it is caught And—gee! The chump has dropped it!

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